**Pulses and Oil Seeds Production**

827. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated production of pulses and oilseeds in the country during the year 1986-87;

(b) what steps Government have taken to encourage and promote increase in production of these cereals; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce Crop Insurance Scheme in respect of pulses and oilseeds in all the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Final estimates of production of pulses and oilseeds crops for the crop year 1986-87 from all the States have not yet fallen due. However, based upon preliminary reports received from States, it is currently assessed that all-India production of pulses during the crop year 1986-87 might be around 13.0 million tonnes and that of total nine oilseeds in the range of 12.2 to 12.5 million tonnes.

(b) In order to encourage and increase the production of pulses/oilseeds, following measures are being taken by the Government:

(i) Introduction of pulse/oilseeds crops in irrigated farming systems;

(ii) Bringing additional area under short duration varieties of Urad, moong etc., under cultivation;

(iii) Inter-cropping of Arhar in Bajra, Cotton, Sugarcane etc., both under irrigated and unirrigated conditions;

(iv) Multiplication and use of improved seeds.

(v) Use of fertilisers and rhizobium culture;

(vi) Adoption of plant protection measures;

(vii) Expansion of non-traditional oilseeds crops like Soyabean and Sunflower in potential areas;

(viii) Launching of National Oilseeds Development Project and Oilseeds Technology Mission in 180 potential districts for better production of oilseeds; and

(ix) Adoption of appropriate policies including pricing and marketing.

(c) Pulses and oilseeds are already covered under Crop Insurance Scheme in various States.

**Drought Relief to Gujarat**

828. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat had recently submitted a master plan of Rs. 96 crores to deal with unprecedented drought situation;

(b) what is the response of the Central Government to this master plan and the financial and other assistance sanctioned this year for Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to fight the drought;

(c) the Central financial assistance sanctioned last year for drilling four inches bores in Gujarat, how many four inches bores were drilled and out of them how many are usable now; and

(d) whether drilling of six inches bores is likely to be useful in getting required quantity of water, if so, what is the cost of each such bore and the time it likely to take to drill them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The Government of Gujarat submitted a memorandum seeking Central assistance for tackling the drought situation in the